

Appl. No. 10/596,539
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In the drawings:

Please amend FIG. 3 to remove one of the reference numbers 8 and its leadline. A markup and replacement sheet are attached.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 are present in the application. No claims are amended. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishida (US 6853818). Applicant respectfully traverses.

We thank the Examiner for noting that a declaration by the inventor might overcome the rejection. A declaration is submitted here to show that the invention disclosed but not claimed in Nishida was derived by the inventor herein, and thus not an invention "by another".

The drawings are objected to because of duplicate use of reference number 8. Amendments herein to the FIG. 3 are made to address this point.

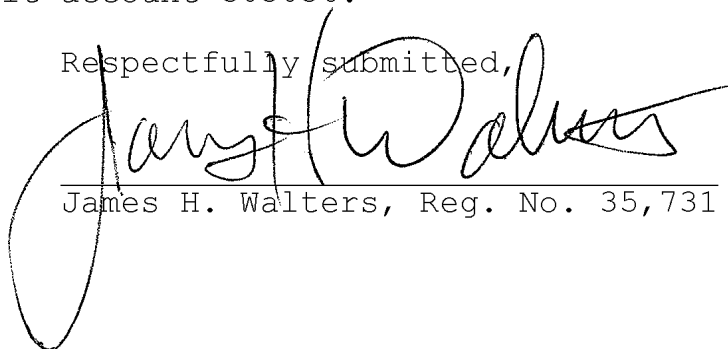
In light of the above noted declaration and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this filing or that the required fees are being submitted herewith. However, if additional fees are required to keep the application pending,

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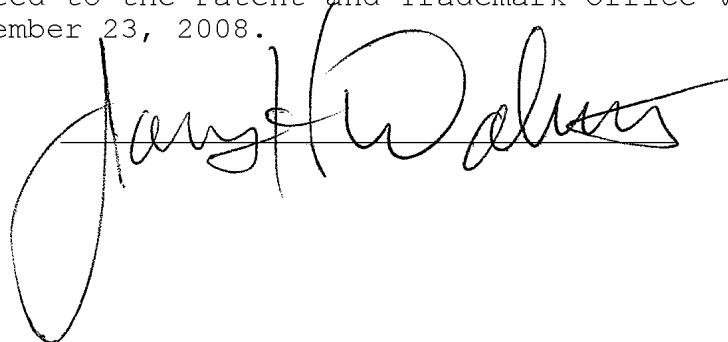


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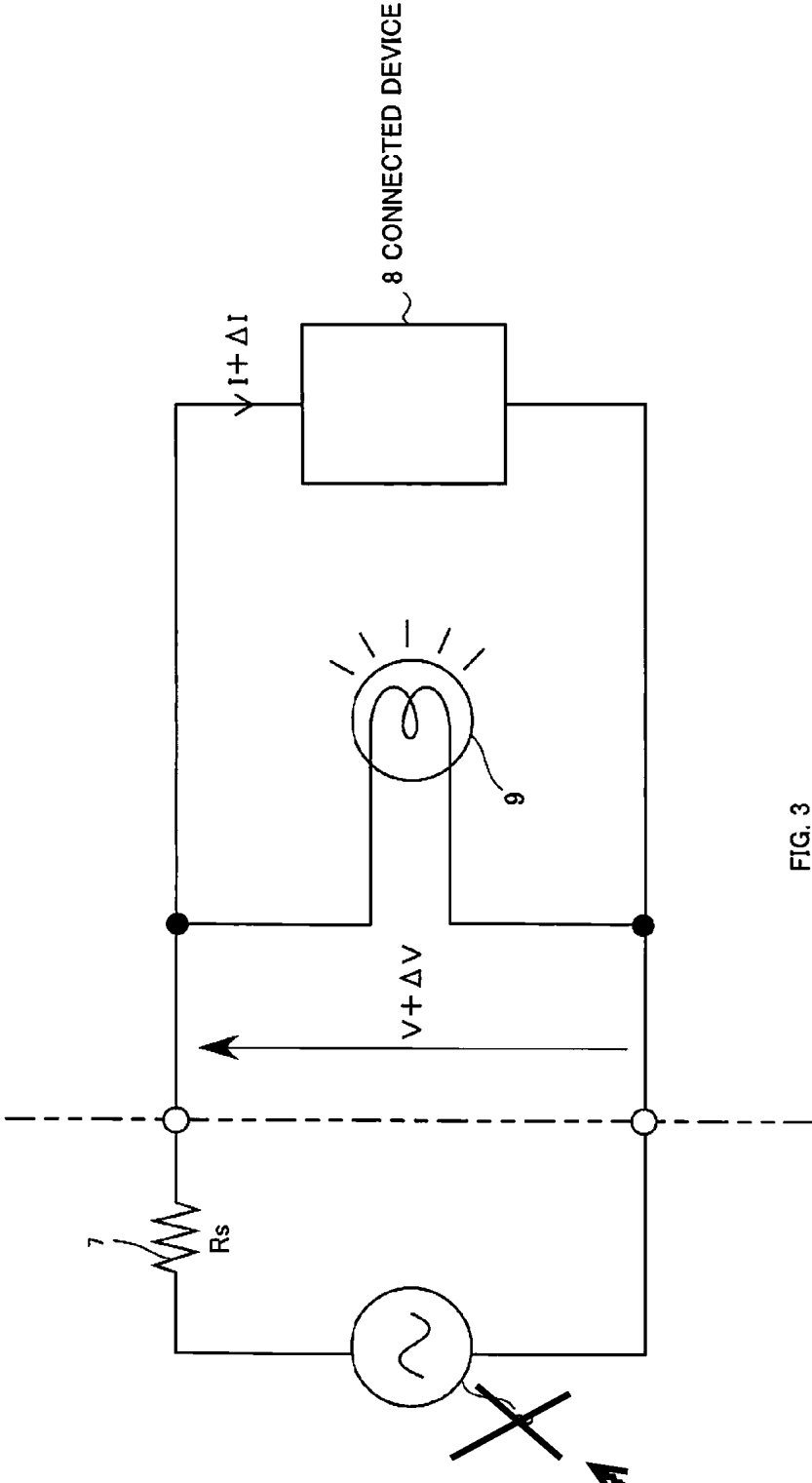


FIG. 3

Remove reference number 8 and lead line